

# JURY PROTESTS TO CUMMINGS ON LONG AIDES

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Chief Clerk	.....
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Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Johnson	.....
Mr. Holt	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Seaton	.....
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Mr. Harbo	.....
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Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Forbush	✓
Mr. Gray	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Smith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Miss Palmer	✓
Miss Tracy	✓
Miss Candy	✓

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# CUMMINGS BACK TAX DISMISSAL

## Defends Action of U. S. Attorney in New Orleans Cases.

Taking cognizance of criticism leveled at him by members of the New Orleans grand jury, which investigated income tax cases involving members of the so-called Long machine, Attorney General Cummings this afternoon stanchly defended action of United States Attorney Rene Viosca in dismissing all remaining income tax charges against followers of the late Huey Long.

"All this hullabaloo about the dismissal of these cases is synthetic," Cummings told reporters at his press conference. "The matter was purely routine, and so far as I am concerned it is a closed book."

Cummings added: "The Department of Justice has full confidence in Mr. Viosca, upon whom the burden of these prosecutions would rest, and feels that there is no just ground for criticizing his action. Manifestly, the disposition of the cases referred to has no bearing on the Fisher case and the sentence therein."

The Fisher case to which the Attorney General referred is that of Joseph Fisher, supporter of the late Louisiana Senator, who is serving an 18-months term for violation of the income tax laws. Nine members of the grand jury which indicted numerous Long followers have written Cummings, caustically criticizing dismissal of the remaining cases and demanding that, to be consistent, Fisher should be released from prison.

Cummings explained to reporters that Fisher's case was the first to be tried and was the strongest of the group of cases in which indictments were returned. The second case, against A. L. Shushan, resulted in acquittal. A number of other cases were disposed of upon pleas of guilty, he said, resulting in collection of upward of \$116,000 in taxes, penalties and fines.

"There still remains undisposed of," Cummings said, "a number of cases concerning which, in view of the Government's experience in the previous cases, the question arose whether the available evidence might reasonably be expected to result in convictions. It was concluded to leave the decision entirely to the judgment and discretion of United States Attorney Viosca, who, upon review of the matter, concluded that convictions could not be obtained."

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Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Johnson	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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## Jurors Condemn Cummings for Dropping Cases

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Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
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Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
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# GETTING JOBS AGAIN

## HAUNTS CAPITAL IN TAX INQUIRY

Nine U. S. Grand Jurors "Outraged" Because Indictments Are Not Tried.

ONE MAN SENT TO PRISON  
Cummings Silent About Letter  
—Morgenthau Won't  
Stir Up Row.

By THOMAS L. STOKES,  
World-Telegram Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Ghosts of the Huey Long regime in Louisiana rose today to pester the Roosevelt administration through a letter to Attorney General Cummings from nine members of the Grand Jury at New Orleans which investigated alleged income tax violations by Long henchmen.

The Grand Jurors want to know why these cases were dropped recently. They feel "aggrieved and outraged."

Politically-minded Washington sought to connect the dropping of prosecution with the recent pledge by leaders of the Long machine to support the Roosevelt administration. The spoils of patronage, withheld from Mr. Long, have begun to flow again to Louisiana.

Only silence greeted the letter from the nine jurors. The Attorney General said only that the letter had not yet reached him.

Nothing came from Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, whose investigators dug up the evidence upon which the Grand Jury voted its indictments.

### Hesitate to Quarrel.

Mr. Morgenthau and his men are known to be indignant about abandonment of the cases, but they hesitate to get into an internal administration row.

Postmaster General Farley, who conferred recently with Governor Leche of Louisiana, a former Long lieutenant, said today that he knew nothing about the dropping of the indictments.

Ex-Governor Dan Moody, of Texas, as Special Prosecutor for the government, won a verdict of guilty against Joseph Fisher, a Long leader, whose Atlanta penitentiary term expires July 1. He is the only one convicted.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Talcott .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. T. S.	✓
Mr. Chapman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
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## Grand Juror's Rap Dropping of Charges Against Long Aides

## **Cummings to Get Round Robin Criticizing Failure to Prosec- ute on Tax Fraud Charge**

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS — Sharp criticism of the Government for dropping income tax prosecutions against Louisiana political followers of the late Sen. Huey P. Long is contained in a letter forwarded today to Atty. Gen. Homer Cummings in Washington.

The letter, signed by eight of the 23 members of the Federal grand jury which returned most of the indictments, pleaded for the release of State Rep. Joseph Fisher from Atlanta penitentiary, where he is serving an 18-month sentence on conviction of income tax fraud.

Fisher was the only one of the indicted men who was convicted and sent to prison. Another case ended in acquittal and the Government recently dismissed criminal charges against the remaining defendants.

The letter to Cummings said "There has been a gross and unwarranted official discrimination against" Fisher, and that he was probably one of the least of the offenders.

Referring to the dropping of the other prosecutions, the letter declares: "It seems to us, Mr. Attorney General, that such procedure cannot fail to bring the administration of justice into disrepute and dishonor in the minds and judgment of the people."

In announcing that pending cases would be dropped, U. S. Dist. Atty. Rene Viosca declared the Government lacked evidence to insure convictions.

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The newspapers seem to say that you, Mr. Attorney General, have given a free hand in these matters to the local United States Attorney (Reape A. Viosca), and we realize that you must, in the magnitude of your duties, rely in large measure upon others. But it is significant that these same press reports uniformly give emphasis to the statement that

the department of the Secretary of the Treasury strongly disapproves."

District Attorney Viosca, when criminal prosecutions were dropped in the remaining cases, said they were too "weak" to bring to trial and added that there was a "changed atmosphere" in New Orleans since the conviction of Fisher.

The jurors said a "changed atmosphere" could not mean "a change in the wish of the law-loving people of New Orleans to see that crime is punished."

"If that statement as to the 'changed atmosphere' were limited to official circles we would readily agree," they said.

The letter was signed by 9 of the 23 grand jurors who considered the tax cases for nine months, beginning in May, 1934.

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Attorney officials likewise declined to discuss the matter. They are known to have objected to the Justice Department some weeks ago against proposed nolle prossing of the cases, involving Seymour Weiss and other followers of the late Senator Long.

Cummings, it was learned at the

Justice Department recently, left the question of prosecution or dismissal of the cases in the hands of United States Attorney Viosca at New Orleans. Cummings has said he will support the

action taken by Viosca because the United States attorney was in a better position to know whether convictions could be obtained than "we in Washington."

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Mr. Fisher \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Fairworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Keith \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Weiss was a power in the political machine built up by the late Senator Huey P. Long.

The latter charged a "gross discrimination" had been meted out to former Legislator Joe Fisher, the only person sentenced to prison in the series of tax cases here. His immediate release was asked.

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The letter openly charged that during the time the grand jury was making its investigations rumors were abroad that "one or more, perhaps all of those whose acts were reported as being under investigation, were trying to make their peace at Washington."

The letter further said that the only "changed" atmosphere"—a phrase attributed to General Cummings—was in political circles in New Orleans.

The nine grand jurors signing the letter said they had every cause to feel "outraged" over the action taken in dismissing the charges.

Fisher was termed "one of the least offenders."

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"The reported answers out of Washington," the letter stated, "either from your office, Mr. Attorney General, or from the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, were, in effect, that the Government of the United States would not compromise itself by condoning the commission of crime for a pecuniary consideration — answers which wholly comported with the dignity and honor of the United States."

The jurors said that, excluding Fisher and Shushan, the others indicted "had not even been brought to nominal trial," and if the cases are abandoned they felt they had "every cause to feel aggrieved and outraged."

"If the evidence revealed in the Grand Jury room under the guidance of the assistants of the United States Attorney General's office was sufficient to indict, then we fail to understand under what proper theory consistent with the integrity and sacredness of the proper administration of justice how this identical evidence has now become so weakened as to warrant the dismissal of criminal charges.

"The newspapers seem to say that you, Mr. Attorney General, have given a free hand in these matters to the local United States Attorney (Rene A. Viosca), and we realize that you must, in the magnitude of your duties, rely in large measure upon others. But it is significant that these same press reports uniformly give emphasis to the statement that the Department of the Secretary of the Treasury strongly disapproves."

## Changed Atmosphere

District Attorney Viosca, whose criminal prosecutions were dropped in the remaining cases, said they were "too weak" to bring to trial and added that there was a "changed atmosphere" in New Orleans since the conviction of Fisher.

The jurors said a "changed atmosphere" could not mean "a change in the wish of the law-loving people of New Orleans to see that crime is punished."

"If that statement as to the 'changed atmosphere' were limited to official circles, we would readily agree," they said.

The letter was signed by nine of the twenty-three Grand Jurors who considered the tax cases for nine months, beginning in May, 1934.

## Long Allies Escape

Among those who escaped criminal trial were Seymour Weiss, former treasurer of Long's political organization; State Senator Jules G. Fisher of Jefferson Parish, and the Nelson brothers, Harry, John P. and W. W. Nelson, who sold materials to the State during Long's highway paving program.

Although the Government dropped criminal prosecutions in their cases, announcement was made that an attempt would be made to collect the amount of income taxes allegedly due.

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# GOV. ALLEN, LONG'S SUCCESSOR, DIES

Noe Takes State Reins  
As Alarmed Leaders  
Join in Rush to  
Capital

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 28 (U.P.)—The government of Louisiana tonight fell into the hands of James A. Noe, a two-fisted upstart of the Huey Long political machine who was whisked into power by the sudden death of Gov. Oscar Kelly Allen.

Allen died in his executive mansion at Baton Rouge this morning of throat hemorrhages.

## FLIES TO CAPITAL

Noe, lieutenant governor, chartered an airplane at Monroe, his home town, and sped to the capital to be sworn in as Governor. He inherited all the powers Long vested in Louisiana Governors whom the late dictator controlled, and he became at once a problem for the political bosses.

The inner circle that dominated the Long machine had not been on the best of terms with Noe. He was slated for demotion. His unexpected elevation to the high office, and the loss of the subservient Governor Allen, precipitated the worst crisis since Long's assassination last September.

Noe issued a proclamation calling for a 30-day period of mourning and announced he would "carry on Governor Allen's work." His promise of "no change in policy" partly allayed the fears of

His Death  
Brings Louisiana  
Crisis



LATE GOV. O. K. ALLEN  
Dies in Office



JAMES A. NOE  
Louisiana Governor

Long leaders, who swarmed to the Capital in apprehension, much in the same manner as they gathered after Long was shot.

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Long hired him into politics through personal friendship and set him up as governor to be a figurehead. He was never a strong personal factor in the political machine. As soon as Long died, a clique of the more ambitious bosses.

Allen let them dictate the terms, although he could have employed the laws at his command to make himself another dictator.

The campaign that preceded last Tuesday's election was believed to have hastened his death. It was the bitterest in recent history.

The future of Louisiana politics under Noe was conjectural. He was demoted in last week's election, given a candidacy for the State senate. The bosses had promised to make him president pro tem of the senate, the office

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**ALLEN ELLENDER**  
*Long Dynasty Chief*

from which Long promoted him to lieutenant governor.

**FLARED INTO FITS**

Noe apparently was pacified, though he flared up into fits of temper and had two fist fights during the campaign, one with a friend of Rev. Smith, when he was campaigning for the governorship against Leche. He charged Smith "double-crossed" him, after promising to support him against Leche.

It appeared that Leche probably would consent to head the machine when he becomes governor in May. The Democratic State central committee will designate a new nominee for Long's unexpired Senate term. It was understood the job would be given to Ellender, who also has been nominated to the six-year Senate term, starting in January, 1937. In that event, Ellender would go to Washington after the general election in April, and remain there for the duration of Long's and his own term.

Noe was sworn in as governor late today by Justice John Fournet of the Supreme Court.

Allen's body was taken to the State House tonight to lie in state through Wednesday. He will be buried in Winnfield, where he and Huey Long were boyhood chums.

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# GOV. O. K. ALLEN Dies at 55 Assumes Chair

Leader of Long-Bitter  
Stricken Suddenly  
Baton Rouge

By the Associated Press

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 12.—Oscar Kelly Allen, who rose to power with Huey P. Long and inherited the political leadership left by the late Senator, died today of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Apparently in excellent health and spirits, the 55-year-old Governor and Senator-designate to fill the unexpired term of Long, was stricken suddenly as he prepared to leave the executive mansion for his offices in Louisiana's skyscraper Statehouse.

He died within an hour, his wife and two of his children at his bedside.

The news spread quickly, and the State with the knowledge at the second of the two men who helped build a political empire without comparison in American history had passed.

#### Officials Gather

Like his late ally, Allen was the center of political tempest. Only last week he figured largely in sweeping into office a new State administration in a landslide victory which followers of Long declared a "vindication" of his policies.

Allen's death automatically made Lieut. Gov. James A. Noe, of Monroe, a high lieutenant in the Long-Allen political organization, the chief executive, but again left vacant the United States Senate seat Long occupied before he was slain. State officials and private citizens who enjoyed the Governor's friend and political confidence rushed to the executive mansion from over

tear-filled eyes, Judge Michael Leche, of New Orleans, the Allen administration's chosen governor to succeed Allen, arrived at the mansion almost speechless.

Impassioned friends stood

beside Allen

When the Long-Allen ticket was being framed last fall, Noe already had taken the jump and announced his candidacy for Governor on the "share our wealth" platform of Long, but Allen and the other machine leaders pushed aside his candidacy and caused an open break between Noe and the administration.

Noe later withdrew his candidacy and supported the Long-Allen ticket, which nominated him as a member of the State Senate in the primary.

While awaiting announcement of Noe's policies in the executive chair, State leaders anticipated he would follow in general the administration's announced intentions of carrying out the work of Huey Long, although he has it in his power to call the Legislature into session and seek repeal of any of the dictated laws passed under Long and Allen.

From other Governors and high public officials of the Nation and from citizens in every city and hamlet in Louisiana messages of sympathy were received by Mrs. Allen.

Allen is survived by his wife and three children, his mother, Mrs. Sophronia Perkins Allen, of Shreveport; two brothers, Ira Allen and A. Leonard Allen, a Winnfield attorney, and two sisters, Mrs. J. Ira Abrams, of Sikes, La., and Mrs. A. H. Broyles, of Shreveport.

The body of Gov. Allen will lie in state in the rotunda of the palatial capitol, near the tomb of Senator Long, until Thursday, when it will be taken to Winnfield, home of both Allen and Long, for burial.

'Heir' to Long Dead



GOV. O. K. ALLEN.

## Gov. Allen Dies

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in the recent Democratic primary campaign as a "Huey Long man," and won the nomination by a landslide vote. He will be inaugurated Governor May 12.

Representative Cleveland Dear, Leche's opponent on the anti-Long ticket in the bitter campaign, expressed his condolences to Mrs. Allen from his home at Alexandria.

Allen J. Ellender, speaker of the House of Representatives and successful Long-Allen candidate for the six-year term in the United States Senate succeeding Long, rushed to the capital from his home. Lieut. Gov. Noe chartered an airplane at Monroe and flew here to take the oath of office and administer the dictated laws of the late Long for the nearly four months intervening until Leche is inaugurated.

He was sworn into office by Associate Justice John B. Fournet of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

### Caucus Planned.

Administration leaders and politicians were planning to caucus over the method of procedure in selecting a nominee for the unfinished term of Long in the Senate to which Gov. Allen was nominated last Tuesday.

It was expected that under the law the Democratic State central committee, of which Allen was chairman, would call a meeting and nominate a successor to the Governor whose name should go on the ticket for the general election to be held April 21.

Jeff B. Snyder, of Tallulah, vice chairman, became acting chairman of the State committee.

With the slaying of Long last September, his hold of the State administration fell to his boyhood friend, Allen, his closest political associate. With Allen's passing that responsibility was taken up by Lieut. Gov. Noe, a staunch supporter of Huey Long.

# LONG'S POLITICAL HEIRS IN ARMS

Call Mass Meeting Tonight  
to Protest Invasion of  
Federal Agents.

## BACKGROUND—

One of most picturesque figures of American politics, Huey Long moved from Louisiana backwoods to seat in United States Senate. During climb he established autocratic machine control over Louisiana politics, few of those holding office at will of Louisiana voters being beyond his domination.

Last Summer Congress directed inquiry into Long "empire"; in late August probe began. On September 3 Baton Rouge doctor shot Long as he was leaving State Capitol; two days later Senator died. Missing leader, Long adherents wrangled between themselves; foes of late Senator pressed for return to power.

By the Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, January 3.—Political heirs of the late Senator Huey P. Long will gather in a mass meeting tonight to protest against the "unconstitutional invasion" of Louisiana by "Federal agents and spies" investigating the election machinery of the January 21 primary.

As administrationists stormed against a congressional inquiry, Representative Cleveland Dear, anti-Long candidate for Governor, hailed it as necessary to "preserve a democratic form of government" in the State.

Representative Wilcox, Democrat, of Florida, acting for a committee named by Congress to study the election, spent several days here recently. He announced before leaving that a corps of Federal operatives had been assign-



Rep. Dear.

ed to Louisiana to investigate possible violations of voters' rights made during Long's term with the administration of President Roosevelt, which apparently had been dropped after the Senator's death. Yet renewed resistance, when Judge Richard Leche, the Long faction's candidate for Governor, attacked the congressional action.

Representative Dear, speaking at Winnfield, said Leche's action showed he "knew there was no intention to give the Home rule (anti-administration) candidates equal representation at the polls."

The call for tonight's mass meeting, made in a newspaper advertisement, said it was in protest of "unwarranted, illegal and unconstitutional invasion of the sovereign State of Louisiana by Federal agents and spies" "of the usurpation of States' rights and self-government" and "in defense of white supremacy and personal freedom."

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# FATHER DENIES WEISS KILLED SENATOR LONG

Declares Shot Probably Fired  
by Bodyguard; Protests Use  
of Tragedy for 'Politics'

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 9  
(U.P.)—The father of Dr. Carl Weiss, alleged assassin of Senator Huey P. Long, charged today that Long was shot as the result of personal difficulties "and in all probability he was not shot by my son, but by one of his own bodyguards."

The parent, Dr. Carl Adams Weiss, was aroused by charges made in the current Louisiana political campaign that his son plotted the assassination with anti-Long politicians.

#### PROBE DEMANDED

He said he has sent a letter to Gov. O. K. Allen, head of the Long political machine, demanding the governor "either have a grand jury investigate Long's death, or else quit saying that my son was a party to a political conspiracy."

When he received no reply from the governor, Dr. Weiss made his letter public today, commenting:

"Justice to my son's memory demands nothing less of me."

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The young Dr. Weiss was shot to death in a corridor of the State capitol on the night of September 8 during a burst of gunfire in which Long received his fatal wound. Bodyguards of the Louisiana dictator fired more than 50 bullets into Dr. Weiss' body.

#### PROTESTS SLANDER

A whispering campaign, which later broke into the open, had it that Dr. Weiss struck Long in the mouth and Long's bodyguards opened fire on the physician. A stray bullet, fired by one of the bodyguards, was said to have struck Long. Dr. Thomas B. Birb, coroner, and all Long machine leaders, have denied this emphatically. They insist the assassination was plotted by rival politicians and executed by Dr. Weiss.

Revealing his letter to the governor, the elder Dr. Weiss said:

"Heretofore we have borne in silence the crushing grief we have suffered. We had hoped that the whole truth would come to light in vindication of the memory of our dead son, and if not, then at least the dead would not be slandered and the tragedy exploited for political purposes.

"Neither Carl nor I have taken any active part in politics. Feeling impelled by that duty which every father owes to protect and guard the memory of a child who has been silenced by death, and can no longer defend himself against slander and calumny, I have addressed a letter to Governor Allen on December 18. I have received no reply and it is now evident that it is the intention of the governor to ignore it and continue his brutal political propaganda of slander of the memory of the dead, in utter disregard of all ~~sense~~ decency and humane feeling."

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# BODYGUARDS DENY THEY KILLED LONG

Pay for Newspaper Ad to  
Answer Dear's Inti-  
mations.

By the Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, January 17.—A full-page newspaper advertisement today carried the answer of Senator Huey P. Long's bodyguards to charges that one of them killed him.

The six guards who were with the Senator when he was fatally wounded last September 8 paid for the advertisement to call a "palpable fake" an assertion by Representative Cleveland Dear intimating that one of the six was the assassin.

Dear, anti-administration candidate for Governor in next Tuesday's Democratic primary, said in a radio address that one of the "chief" bodyguards is "now in an asylum for the insane and I am informed that he constantly cries, 'I killed my best friend.'"

At the time of Long's death all reports were to the effect that he was fatally wounded by Dr. Carl Austin Weiss, Baton Rouge physician, who was slain by bodyguards. The guards testified at a coroner's inquest that Weiss fired the fatal bullet.

Dr. Weiss' father recently issued a statement that Long was killed as a result of a "personal difficulty" and that "in all probability" he was shot by one of his own bodyguards.

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THE EVENING STAR, WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1935

### *Bandits Kill Banker, Seize \$15,000*

HULL, Quebec (P).—Bandits held up two officials of the Main Street Branch of the Banque Provinciale du Canada today, shot and fatally wounded one of them and fled with \$15,000 in bills. The money was being transported to the main office of the bank in Ottawa when the robbery took place.

### *Weiss Indicted on Tax Charges*

NEW ORLEANS (P).—A Federal grand jury today indicted Seymour Weiss, president of the New Orleans Dock Board and political ally of the late Huey P. Long, on charges of income tax evasion. It was the third time he has faced similar charges within 24 months.

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## Evasion of Taxes Charged to Songy

### Testified to Alleged Plot to Kill Huey Long.

*By the Associated Press.*

New Orleans, La., Nov. 19.—Sidney Songy, who unfolded an alleged conspiracy to kill the late Senator Huey P. Long at the Senator's "murder plot" investigation last January, was in jail today charged with conspiring to violate the Federal liquor tax act of 1934.

Songy, a dismissed Government prohibition informer, appeared in court with a badly bruised face, which officers said they were told was received at the hands of fellow prisoners who recognized him as the former Federal employe.

Taken into custody last night, Songy's arrest was not made public until he was brought before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter, jr., for arraignment. His bond was placed at \$10,000.

His wife, charged jointly with Songy, was detained temporarily in the commissioner's office while arranging her bail, set at \$3,000.

Federal agents charged that Songy and about 15 others, unidentified, had conspired to manufacture liquor illegally in the vicinity of Opelousas, La.

They charged that one shipment of about 300 gallons of liquor seized from a truck at McCombs, Miss., was involved in the alleged conspiracy.

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## Jurors Indict Weiss, Two Aids On Tax Counts

68-Page Document Given  
 Judge Borah Charges  
 Conspiracy by 3.

By the Associated Press.

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—Seymour Weiss, political treasurer of the late Senator Huey P. Long's political organization, and two business associates were indicted by the Federal grand jury today on charges of income tax evasion.

Six counts were included in the indictment against Weiss, already under indictment for alleged Federal income tax evasion; Mike M. Moss and Joseph C. Meyers, all of whom were charged with conspiring to obstruct operations of the United States Treasury and attempting to defeat large income tax payments.

The indictment, a bulky 68-page document, was returned to Federal Judge Wayne G. Borah by the grand jury as its final act.

### Weiss Untried Yet.

Weiss was indicted last October along with several others for alleged Federal income tax evasions, but has not been tried. Two of those indicted—Joseph Fisher, former State Representative, and Abraham L. Shushan, former president of the Orleans levee board—have been tried. Fisher was convicted and is serving an 18-month sentence. Shushan was acquitted.

Weiss is named in the indictment returned today as a taxpayer, while Moss was listed as a vice president of the Hartwig-Moss Insurance Agency, Ltd., and Meyers as manager of the bond department of that firm.

The first of the six counts charge the three defendants with conspiring "to defraud the United States Government from August 1, 1928, through the present date by impairing, obstructing and impeding the lawful operation of the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Bureau."

### Fraud Charged.

Count two charges Weiss, Moss and Meyers with attempting to defraud the Government of large sums of income taxes allegedly due by the Hartwig-Moss Agency and by Weiss and his wife. Mrs. Weiss was not indicted.

The third, fourth and fifth counts charged the three defendants with conspiracy to evade and defeat income tax payments of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, and the sixth count charges the defendants with conspiracy to cause the Hartwig-Moss Agency not to render true and accurate returns of payments assertedly made to Weiss.

For the years 1929-1933, inclusive, the period covered in the indictment, the Weisses are charged with having evaded \$20,680.40 in income taxes and the Hartwig-Moss Agency \$61,081.24.

No date has been set for trial of the three.

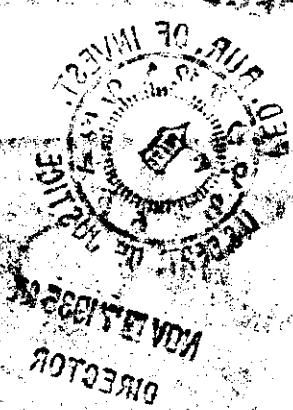
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## Baton Rouge Brothers Face U. S. Tax Charge

New Orleans, Nov. 6 (P).—The third of a series of Federal income tax prosecutions in Louisiana will begin in District Court here December 2, when John P. Harry R. and Willis Nelson, brothers, and prominent Baton Rouge contractors, go to trial for alleged evasion of taxes amounting to \$29,275 over a three-year period.

The case originally had been set for October 21, but was continued when the trial of Abraham L. Shushan, president of the Orleans Levee Board, who was acquitted of similar charges, overran that date.



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## Political Graft of \$500,000 Charged in Shushan Case

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS—The defense testimony started today against the Government's charges in the income tax evasion case against Abe Shushan, head of the Orleans Parish Levee Board and former political associate of the late Sen. Huey Long.

The last witness called to the stand by the prosecution was Russell A. Welch, Chattanooga internal revenue

agent, who testified as to income tax returns made by Shushan and his wife during the years 1929 to 1933.

In 1929, Welch testified, Shushan and his wife paid an income tax of only \$25.55 whereas the Government contends \$8,921.94 was due.

In 1933, the Government alleged, Shushan and his wife paid taxes on \$45,022.13 whereas their true income was \$86,455.84.

The Government rested its case after nine days of delving into Shushan's financial transactions in an effort to prove that over the period 1929-1933 he evaded taxes on nearly \$500,000 which he received as "political graft."

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## U. S. FINISHES SHUSHAN CASE

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18  
(I.N.S.)—The Government rested its case yesterday in the trial of A. L. Shushan, president of the Orleans Parish Levee Board and a lieutenant in the late Senator Huey P. Long's political machine, on charges of violating the federal income tax laws.

Immediately after Amos W. W. Woodcock, former national prohibition administrator, who heads the prosecution, announced the Government had completed its case, Defense Counsel Hugh Wilkinson requested an adjournment until today to complete his defense plans.

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## JURY IS SELECTED TO TRY LONG AIDE

## Defense Objects to Means of Choice on Drawing of Colored Juror.

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, October 8.—The jury, with one Negro on it, was completed shortly before 1 o'clock today in the income tax evasion trial of Abraham L. Shushan, high political associate of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

The colored member of the jury panel was Taylor Segue, the last juror selected. As finally completed the jury was composed of W. W. Amiss, John A. Ipper, Bernard E. Cook, J. W. Hailey, R. E. Hutchinson, F. Jaubert, Jr.; Edward Lowengardt, Andrew Martinez, C. J. Pitard, Sr.; J. L. Rhodes, George J. Whitman and Taylor Segue.

Two alternative jurors were selected,  
J. L. Gagnet and C. A. Wicka.

Objects to Selection Method.  
On the drawing of the last regular juror, Segue, Hugh M. Wilkinson, counsel for the defense, objected to the method of picking the jurors under Judge William H. Barrett, presiding, but the juror was seated.

Defense claimed that Judge Barrett's method deprived them of one challenge in the event both sides challenged the same name which happened in the case of Segue.

Just after the case was opened at 11 a.m., Central standard time, Judge

"These gatherings will gather us together again in the years to come. They become increasing centers of employment and co-operation between employers and employees to the spirit of cooperation that it is in their interest and the interest of the public as well, we will find the good offices of these boards helping sought more and more as a voluntary substitute for long and costly strikes and lockouts," she said in her "sober recognition" of the obligation of the "sober recognition" of the "obligation of the Federated definition of rights."

See Future Benefits.  
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## A DROP IN THE BUCKET



Cartoonist Enright has graphically illustrated Huey Long's plan to combat crime. With an annual crime loss of twelve thousand million dollars, Long would have increased Federal appropriations for crime punishment to one thousand million dollars, feeling he could thus cut the nation's loss at least in half.

# U. S. REFUSES QUIZ IN DEATH OF HUEY LONG

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Murder Charge Required;  
Inquiry Asked by Rev. Smith**

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## Huey Probe Refused By Federal Agents

(United Press by Radio)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The Department of Justice remained aloof today from the investigation of the assassination of Senator Huey P. Long.

Department officials said they would not enter the case unless it was shown the assassination violated a federal statute.

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## GOVERNMENT AWAITS LONG PLOT PROOF

Rev. G. L. K. Smith's Probe Request Forwarded Here—U. S. Prosecution Problematical.

By the Associated Press.

Federal officials, requested by Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith to aid in "locating and bringing to justice the assassins of Huey P. Long," said today they were awaiting submission of facts before determining their course.

Stanley Reed, acting Attorney General, refused to discuss the case with reporters, but other Justice Department officials said the telegraphic request, sent to President Roosevelt by the Long aide, had been forwarded to the department from Hyde Park.

One of Reed's aides said:

"The telegram doesn't call for us to do anything. We're just waiting for them to submit facts."

Government lawyers expressed doubt privately that any Federal law was involved, even though a plot to assassinate Senator Long were proved.

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NEW ORLEANS--A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AID IN "LOCATING AND BRINGING TO JUSTICE THE ASSASSINS OF HUEY P. LONG," HAS BEEN REFERRED BY MARVIN MCINTYRE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IT WAS LEARNED TONIGHT.

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*Inquiry to Cummings*

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## Share-Wealth Clubs Prod Cummings on Death Quiz

By United Press

ATLANTA, Ga.—Atty. Gen. Homer C. Cummings was asked today by the Share-the-Wealth clubs of Georgia why he failed to have the "G-men" investigate the assassination of Sen. Long, sponsor of the "Share-the-Wealth" program. A letter signed by J. Ira Harrelson, Pat J. Avery and J. F. Marsh, members of the executive committee of the Share-the-Wealth clubs of Georgia, asked Cummings:

"Will you please advise immediately why it is that the so-called 'G-men' are immediately directed to investi-

gate kidnappings of multi-millionaires and bank robberies and why you have failed to respond to any and all requests made for them to investigate the dastardly assassination of Sen. Huey P. Long, the greatest friend of the poor people who ever lived in America?"

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# FRESH DEMANDS MADE FOR LONG U. S. DEATH QUIZ

## Minister Sends Request Direct to Roosevelt; More Plot Charges.

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 17.—(P)— Fresh demands for federal investigation of the destruction of Senator Huey Long, administration foe and Louisiana dictator, went to Washington today.

The Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, organizer of the assassinated leader's "share-our-wealth" movement, said he "named names" in a telegram to President Roosevelt.

State officials held their own counsel on whatever plans they might have for pushing further investigation of the fatal shooting of Senator Long by Dr. Carl A. Weiss.

Inquest into the death of Weiss, who was shot down by Long's bodyguards, was closed yesterday after Smith refused to respond to questions by District Attorney John Fred Odom. Smith declared Odom "has been named as a murder-plot conspirator." Odom branded the charge "a malicious and deliberate lie."

### Do Not Fix Blame.

The coroner's jury, after hearing the stories of Long's bodyguards, came to the succinct verdict that Dr. Weiss' death was caused by "pistol wounds in the head, chest and abdomen, homicidally inflicted." Louisiana coroner's juries do not fix blame.

At DeQueen, Ark., Dr. George S. Long, brother of the senator, told a "share the wealth" gathering that Long died "as a result of a plot."

### Confers with Leaders.

Smith conferred in New Orleans last night with some of the organization lieutenants who have inherited Long's vast statutory powers.

At his New Orleans office James O'Connor, Sr. of the attorney-general's office, announced a man whose identity was not disclosed had voluntarily given him an affidavit concerning an alleged plot against the senator's life and that the affidavit had been "turned over to the proper authorities" also unnamed.

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## HUEY'S DEATH STUDIED

### New Facts Expected at Inquest

BATON ROUGE, La., Sept. 15.—(A.P.)—The unfinished official story of the assassination of Senator Huey P. Long was being assembled today for a coroner's jury.

District Attorney Odom announced he hoped to unfold new facts at the thrice-postponed inquest into the death of Long's assassin, Dr. Call Austin Weiss Jr., 30, Baton Rouge eye specialist, who was shot to death by Long's bodyguards.

Three hundred Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars, en route to their national convention in New Orleans, visited Long's grave at the state house tonight, leaving a wreath.

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## D. J.'s Hands Tied In Long Murder

*Breach of U. S. Law  
Must Be Proved.  
Or No Action*

Unless it can be shown the assassination of Senator Huey P. Long violated some Federal statute, the Government will not enter the investigation, Justice Department officials said yesterday.

They explained that the murder of a Senator, or a plot against him, is no more a Federal crime than if an ordinary citizen were involved.

The Justice Department was asked to state its position following a telegraphic appeal from the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, Long follower, to President Roosevelt at Hyde PARK.

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## The Life of Huey Long

# G-Men Poised to Gaff Kingfish for Taxes When Assassin Robbed Them of Quarry

Senator Accumulated \$1,000,000 on Small Salaries; Indictment for Income Levy Violations Reported Near at Time of Death; Biggest 'Rap' Long Ever Beat Was Impeachment; Used Typical Trick to Defeat Move.

### CHAPTER VI

By MARTIN SOMMERS

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NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 15.—The ironic secret in the life story of Huey Long is that an assassin got him illegally at the very time G-Men reported that they had got him legally.

For three years, after Huey became the Hitler of Louisiana and showed signs of having designs on a dictatorship of the entire United States, Department of Justice agents worked steadily in an attempt to get him.

For years they couldn't find so much as a canceled check. The failure was particularly infuriating to the G-Men because they knew that their quarry was master of not less than \$1,000,000 in assets, accumulated from a \$6000-a-year salary as Governor for four years and a \$10,000-a-year salary as Senator for less than that. This is high pressure accumulating, so the G-Men persisted in their quest of the unholy kale. They finally struck pay-off dirt, they thought.

#### The Money Hunt

The story of the Department of Justice money hunt to nail Long for income tax evasion is perhaps the most interesting of all incidents in the story behind the story of Huey Pierce Long.

And this is how the story goes: It begins when one Andrew Mellon—who was pretty good to Huey Long in one way, since Andy Mellon and their aluminum trusts made the Huey Longs possible—was Secretary of the Treasury. The Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department, acting on some pretty hot tips from New Orleans, began to go to work on Huey's income.

This was annoying to Huey, but a national election was coming on and nobody thought that Andy Mellon's candidate, then President Herbert Hoover, was going to be re-elected. The red-headed firebrand from the Bayou State, among others, decided 1932 was surely a Democratic year and that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a cinch.

Huey hopped aboard the band

ington, D. C., would have given the word to go ahead and indict the Senator and bring him to trial is problematical.

Probably not. Because the Roosevelt Administration could not afford an acquittal in the case—such as Dutch Schultz won in New York State. For, if, Long had been brought to trial and acquitted, he would have emerged a martyr. As the martyred idol of the South, he would have been more of a power in Democratic politics than ever.

#### Big Rap Beaten.

The biggest rap the red-headed magician from the red clay hills ever beat was the Impeachment action against him right here in this State. This marked the turning point in his career—it was the last time anybody really made a determined effort to interfere with his absolute domination of everything and everybody in Louisiana.

The impeachment hearing against Long, with its astounding climax, smelled as badly as any event in the history of American politics.

Myriad reasons angered the Louisiana legislators to the point of seeking to impeach the swashbuckling D'Artagnan from the hills. Scenes worthy of Saturday night in the pioneer saloons of the Old West had been frequent in the House. The Kingfish had been accused of hiring assassins with the object of bumping off his enemies—enemies who held he was guilty of countless villainies.

But perhaps all these things didn't anger the old school digmataries of the Legislature as much as Huey's personal character. They resented his arrogant refusal to be a good fellow among them, his egomania, his openly expressed contempt for them, his overwhelming selfishness and supreme confidence that Huey Long was not to be judged by the same standards as other men.

The spark that lighted the cannon cracker was the screamed charge on the floor of the Legislature that Representatives simply couldn't get their anti-Long votes counted.

A Representative shouted that the voting machine that flashed a red light for "no" votes had been

asked me how much it took for me to do business. I told him about \$25,000 a year. He told me I would not have to worry as he controlled the bank examiner and the banks were violating the law anyway. He told me he would put me in a position where I would not need any bank's help. We told him we would not support his measure.

Q. Do you feel that your conversation with the Governor in his office was in the nature of a bribe? A. Yes, I do.

Helen Clifford, who danced the hula at the party to which the Legislature objected, said the Governor pulled her into his lap, and that she sat there with his arm around her neck.

"Everybody was drunk," she testified. "And the Governor had PLENTY."

Q. Will you please tell us the costume you wore on that occasion? A. I had on a straw skirt,

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The dancer indicated the bare areas by gestures.

Things got blacker and blacker for Long. The House impeached him. The impeachment proceedings went to the Senate. Long demurred that the whole thing was illegal. The Senate said, in effect, "Baloney," and voted to go ahead. It looked as though nothing in the world could prevent the ignoble end of the boy wonder from the Hill Billy belt.

And then came the amazing blow-off.

#### Round Robin.

The so-called infamous round-robin popped up. On a sultry Thursday morning the Senators convened and everybody sat back waiting for Huey Pierce Long to get the final boot. That is everybody except 15 of the Senators thought that was going to happen. Senator P. H. Gilbert rose and stated that 15 Senators, or more than one-third of the Senate membership, had decided the whole proceeding was "unconstitutional and invalid." The 15 wouldn't vote to impeach, no matter what evidence was produced, a spokesman for them firmly announced.

A two-thirds vote of the 39 Senators was necessary to impeach. The statement of the 15 "round-robiners" ended the last real fight to do anything about Huey until last Sunday, when a quiet country doctor resorted to the deplorable method of assassination.

Huey had won again. He had snatched victory from defeat. He had emerged victorious when nobody gave him a ghost

of a chance to continue political life.

He had done plenty of work behind the scenes, and it had proved highly effective.

Huey had to reward the round-robiners who had saved his scalp. He had to reward them handsomely because they knew they had caught him by the short hairs and they drove hard bargains. Not only did most of them get good jobs, but their uncles, sisters, brothers, cousins and in-laws of many of them are on the State of Louisiana payrolls today.

The escape made Huey believe himself immune to any kind of failure. He was convinced, after getting out of a jam like that, of his divinity. He could get away. The things he began doing make the deeds of Boss Croker's Tammany Hall seem like Sunday school stuff.

#### Convinced of Power.

Long thought he could get away with murder, as the saying is. His success in everything he undertook—the legion of laws stipulating that every school teacher, policeman, fireman and other public servant in the State had to bow the knee and kiss the hand, or else—, convinced him he was a deity.

He put 70-odd relatives on the State payroll—even though he would have no truck personally with most of them. He went into Arkansas and elected Hattie Caraway to the Senate by stumping the State for her. He muscled into Mississippi and fixed things up so that he could take over the day he decided the time was ripe to make himself President of the U. S. and then absolute dictator.

Then he put over John Overton as U. S. Senator from Louisiana. This election was so raw that charges of fraud were filed with the Senate committee. Senators

Tom Connally, of Texas, and G. Branton, of New Mexico, were sent to investigate. It was proved that there are only 250 white persons (colored citizens only) vote in Louisiana over the age of 20 in St. Bernard Parish, and Overton had got 4176 voted. But Huey beat the rap. It wasn't a real fight at that people had given up trying to do anything about Huey. Every State a Kingdom became Huey Long's real motto. He adopted the theme song "Every Man a King" as a means of making himself the Emperor of

other lands. Hill Billy, Jim Crow, injured white relatives of Weiss, including a lawyer, doctor, a school teacher.

The bold and moody doctor took his gun, went over to the Capitol at Baton Rouge and protested. The protest read:

THE END.



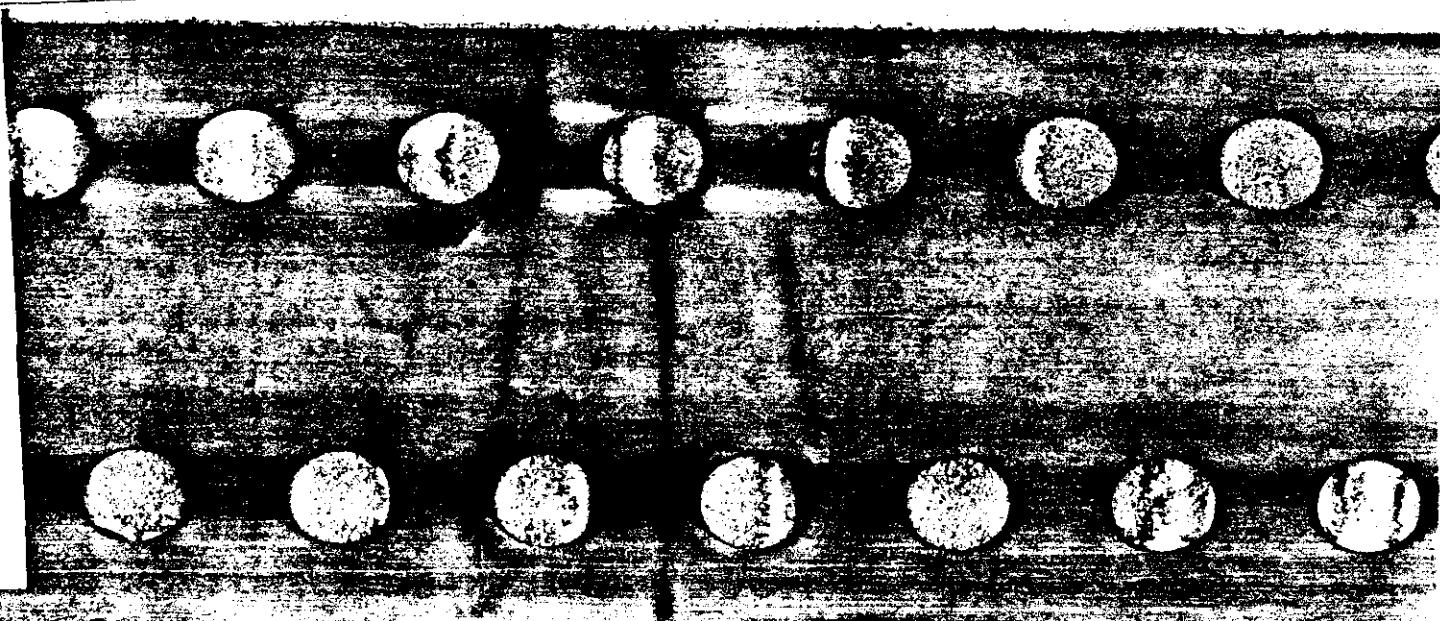
There can be no doubt that he believed he would be elected President in 1936. He had it all planned out. First he would win the entire South through his Share-the-Wealth movement, with the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, an evangelist carrying as much conviction as Billy Sunday ever did, for his organizer.

With the South in hand, the Democratic nomination and election would be easy. After election he planned to put over on the U. S. the same set of 450 or so trick laws he railroaded through in Louisiana, as a means of making himself the God and sole proprietor of this country.

He came home to Louisiana and called a special session of the Legislature to pass laws that would have prevented any Federal "interference" with the State—thus setting up a monarchy here—and forced other laws through.

#### Fatal Protest.

One of those other laws shoved through at the session robbed Judge H. B. Pavy of a job. Pavy was the father-in-law of mild and moody Dr. Carl Austin Weiss, Jr., an idealistic patriot. It happened that



HUEY PELLEGRIN

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

And this is how the story goes:

It began when one Andrew Mellon—who was pretty good to Huey Long in one way, since Andy Mellon and their aluminum trusts made the Huey Longs possible—was Secretary of the Treasury. The

Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department, acting on some pretty hot tips from New Orleans, began to go to work on Huey's income.

This was annoying to Huey, but others, decided '32 was surely a Democratic year and that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a cinch.

Huey hopped aboard the band wagon—can't you still hear the echoes of his spicing at the Chicago convention?—and it looked as though the Kingfish was one of Candidate Roosevelt's pets for certain. In fact,

people had every reason to believe that, because of what the famous delegatangler, Postmaster General James A. Farley, said at Chicago.

In effect, Farley told them: "Yes, we know all about Long and the investigations and charges

and elections down in Louisiana, but what we are interested in at this time is delegates." He for Frank Roosevelt.

Huey was for Roosevelt, and Huey campaigned as only he could campaign, and Roosevelt won. Imagine Huey's surprise when the investigations of his doings down in Louisiana not only continued under a Democratic administration, but grew hotter instead of sweater.

In fact, Attorney General Homer S. Cummings saw to it that from six to 10 Department of Justice agents were in Louisiana, all the time, combing the State.

And Huey knew Farley.

And that's the real reason why Senator Long quit Roosevelt and hated the President so that he finally called him "tar and feather" and called him that only a few weeks before a bullet ended Huey's life. Washington put on the boat for fair. But the butchering G-Men, trying as hard as ever they tried for Al Capone or Dutch Schultz, could not get the goods on Huey. They tried hard for a squeal on Huey.

Only a few days before Huey Pierce Long died at the hands of an assassin who believed him a tyrant, dangerous to the Union, the G-Men reported that they believed they had a case to jutify his indictment on charges of conspiracy to evade income tax payment.

who held he was guilty of countless villainies.

But perhaps all these things didn't anger the old school dignitaries of the Legislature as much as Huey's personal character. They resented his arrogant refusal to be a good fellow among them, his egomaniac, his openly expressed contempt for them, his overwhelming selfishness and supreme confidence that Huey Long was not to be judged by the same standards as other men.

The spark that lit the cannoneer cracker was the scream charge on the floor of the Legislature that Representatives simply couldn't get their anti-Long votes counted.

A Representative shouted that the voting machine that flashed a red light for "no" votes had been fixed, and the legislators couldn't get anything except a Long count.

Long men explained that the machine was simply out of order mechanically, but this didn't satisfy the angered legislators.

The next day came the bill of impeachment. Huey knew he was on the brink of the abyss of political oblivion. And he was. For the legislators, thoroughly aroused, grimly pressed the charges to in-

#### Charges Against Long.

"Just a few of them were: 'That he had bribed and attempted to bribe legislators,'

"'That he habitually carried concealed weapons.'

"'That he was guilty of misapplication and misappropriation of State funds.'

"'That he had used appointive power to influence the judiciary and boasted of it.'

"'That he was guilty of violent abuse of officials and citizens visiting him about public business.'

"'That on or about February 12, 1929, in New Orleans, he did participate in an entertainment where intoxicating liquor was served, at

P. Long did deport himself in a scandalous and indecent manner.'

The grim legislators went right ahead with resolutions demanding

and accounting for State funds and Huey tossed around with lavish hand.

The trial opened on the hot morn-

ing of April 3, 1929. The first witness was Representative Adolph Guymard, to give evidence about how Huey bribed and attempted to bribe legislators.

Q. Were you called into the Governor's office for a conference since see his way clear to support the opening of this special session of 1929? A. Yes, the Governor and the Senate told him he could not

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# G-Men Sent to Scuttle Long's Ship of State

By MARTIN SOMMERS and WARREN HALL

(Staff Correspondents of The NEWS)

New Orleans, Sept. 15.—The survivors aboard the late Huey Long's ship of State, in distress because of a lost rudder, learned today that there positively will be no rescue by Uncle Sam. The Government, on the contrary, will attempt to sink them as rapidly as possible.

With the grapeshot supplied by laws about conspiracy to evade payment of income tax, the Gov-



Joseph Fisher

First of Long machine crew sent to prison.

ernment intends to keep firing at the Long crew indefinitely, The News is reliably informed.

Officials at Washington intend to prosecute members of the Long machine even more vigorously than before the assassination of the Senator a week ago in the State Capitol.

The Long machine's attempt to make a peace-at-any-price deal—in return for a little leniency regarding income tax prosecutions—has failed.

The present intention, the Government says, is to send all members of the Long organization who have violated the law to Atlanta Penitentiary to keep former State Representative Joseph Fisher company. He was the first Long machine man to be tried for income tax evasion. He was convicted and is serving eighteen months.

The Government not only will bring to trial the powerful members of the Long crew now indicted but also will continue to seek indicting evidence against all the others. Whether such evidence can

## New Serial Starts— A Border Thriller

"Border Breed," a new serial story by William MacLeod Raine, starts today on Page 26. It is a rough-and-tumble tale of a feud between a young diplomat and a frontier desperado. It is packed with thrills and romance. Start it today.

be obtained nobody knows, of course.

But a battalion of G-Men will be out after it. They think they have a better chance of obtaining wholesale indictments against those who

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trigay talking to reporter at Washington Airport yesterday before returning to New Orleans.

laws and put entirely new crew aboard the Louisiana ship of State. This was decided, The News learned, during the last few days. In connection with the decision, Frank Wilson, ace investigator of the Treasury Department, made a secret flying visit to this city. Wilson is the G-Man whose relentless tracking sent away Al Capone, now in a cell on Alcatraz Island, listening to the wild waves of San Francisco Bay slap against the rock on which he is caged. Wilson is the G-Man who testified how Bruno Richard Hauptmann plunged into losing Wall St. speculation with the \$50,000 Lindbergh ransom money.

#### **Mayor May Take Helm.**

If successful in exterminating the Long machine, the Government, at this writing, intends to put a new captain on the bridge in Louisiana.

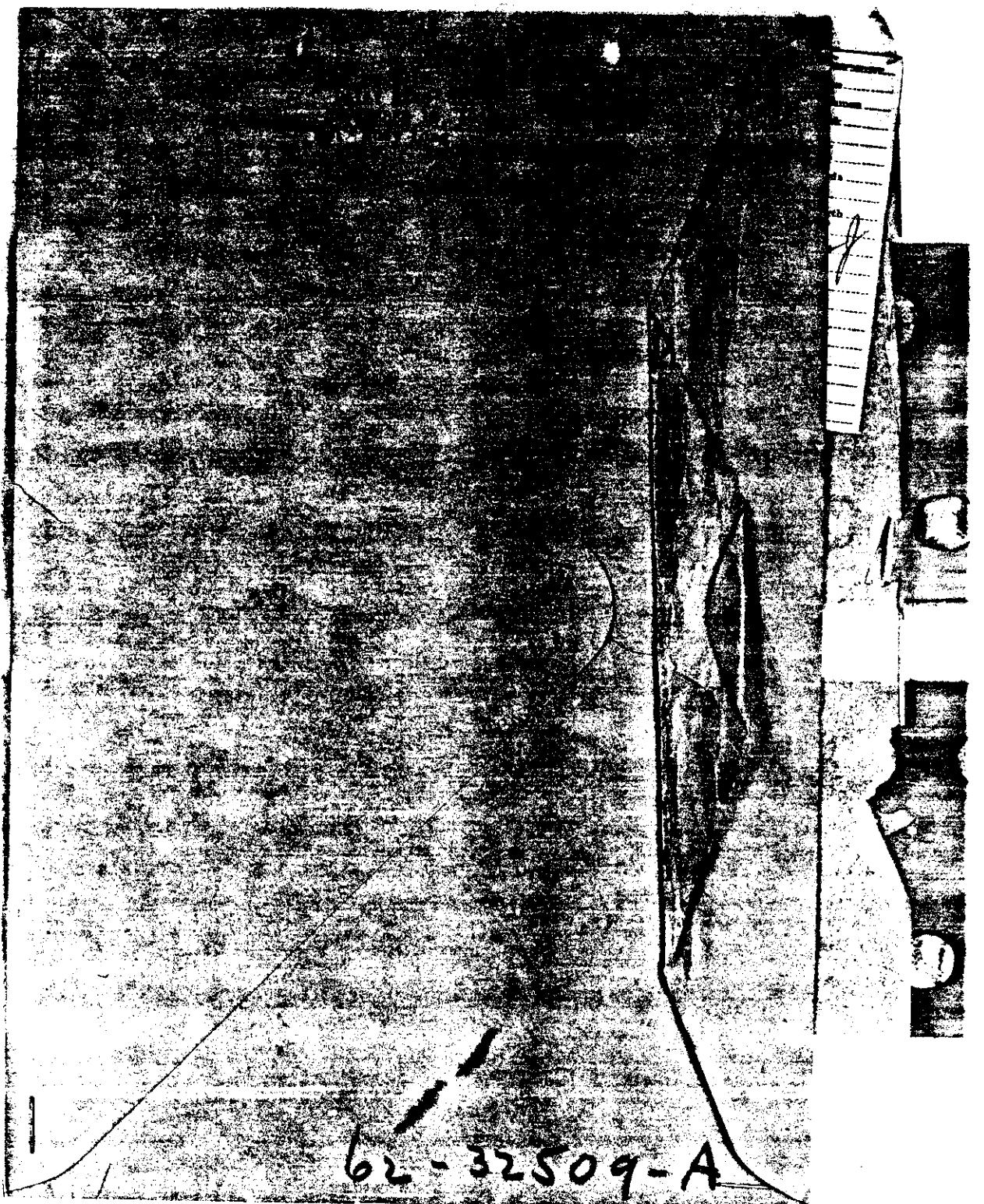
At present the favorite candidates for this difficult job of navigation are old Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley, the anti-Long champion now conferring in Washington, and Paul E. Chasez, a practical politician at present administering wi-

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# ASK ROOSEVELT TO ORDER QUIZ IN LONG KILLING

Secretary, Brother and Minister Get New Death Threats;  
Blame Put on 'Murder Club'

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BATON ROUGE, La., Sept.

13.—President Roosevelt was called upon today to order an investigation by the Department of Justice into the assassination of Senator Huey P. Long, in a telegram signed by the Young Democrats of Louisiana, Associated.

At the same time death threats against Earl Christenberry, the dead senator's confidential secretary; the senator's brother, Earl Long, and the Rev. Gerald Smith, organizer of Long's "Share-the-Wealth" clubs, who officiated at the senator's funeral yesterday, were revealed.

The threats supposedly came from members of the "Murder Club," accused of instigating the murder of Long.

Long's United States Senate seat will be left vacant until next January, it was decided by his political "war council."

#### FIRST DISPUTE.

First rift in the Long ranks became apparent tonight when it was learned that the leaders were divided on the question of continuing the fight against the Roosevelt administration.

Col. Seymour Weiss, who was Long's closest adviser and who is looked upon by many as the new "dictator" of Louisiana, was trying to settle the difficulty.

#### THRONGS FILE PAST.

As throngs continued to file past the senator's tomb on the Capitol grounds, a definite movement was afoot to settle the differences between the state and the federal government. Congressman Paul H. Mainey, firm Long supporter, said:

"The battle between Senator Long and President Roosevelt should be ended, I think, and many of us think that a Democratic state should work with a Democratic President for the good of the state."

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## HUEY'S MIDS HOUSE PROBE OF SLAYING

BATON ROUGE, La., Sept. 12.—The Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who will deliver the funeral oration this afternoon for Senator Huey P. Long, announced today that he has called on Speaker Joseph W. Byrnes to order a congressional inquiry into the senator's assassination, charged to be the result of "drawing straws" in a "murder club."

Mr. Smith, who is national organizer of Long's Share-Our-Wealth clubs, said:

"I wired the speaker that, since he had appointed a committee to investigate Senator Long's activities in Louisiana, he should appoint one to investigate his assassination."

Byrnes recently designated a committee with authority to inquire into Louisiana politics to determine whether a "Republican form of government" was not destroyed by Long's dominance and legislation.

His action was in conformity with a House resolution, generally intended to permit inquiry into congressional elections, but so broadly worded that it provided for a Louisiana investigation.

District Attorney John F. Odom of East Baton Rouge parish said he "would leave no stone unturned that might throw light" on the assassination of Long.

### RESUME INQUEST MONDAY.

Odom announced that the threecolumned inquest into the death of Dr. Weiss, shot to death by Long's bodyguards, would be resumed Monday at 10 a. m.

It has repeatedly been continued because the bodyguards failed to appear when summoned. Odom said:

"More witnesses have been obtained. I do not wish to reveal their identity at this time, and I don't know what new information, if any, they will throw on the case."

"A case of this sort, in my opinion, should be thoroughly investigated and we are going to unearth every bit of evidence."

Four United States Senators were expected for the funeral. They are Hollis, of West Virginia; Thomas, of Oklahoma; Schall, of Minnesota, and Mrs. Hattie Caraway, of Arkansas, the last of whom was elected after Long had stumped Arkansas in her behalf.

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